Declares That She is innocent of Writing Vile Letters—Her Enemies Give Her Until Monday to Quit or Be Prosecuted-Says She Is Ready for Them.

ROWATTON, Conn., Dec. 26.-The village slander-fest, over the deluge of anonymous letters of a villainous character which have kept things in a turmoil here during the better part of the past three months, has reached the acute stage. The next step taken will line up the opposing factions presumably in the law courts. As related in THE SUN to-day, Miss Elizabeth A. Ervin, the first assistant teacher in the public schools here, who has been accused of being the writer of the infamous etters, is acting under legal advice and is waiting for her accusers to take the action which for some time they have been threatening to take. On the other hand, the lawyer of John McClellan, the principal of the school, who, with his wife, has been Miss Ervin's chief accuser, says that unless Miss Ervin between now and Monday next takes a certain step, which he says her then sole legal adviser urged her to

take, legal action will begin. Mr. McClellan's lawyer is George H. Vosburgh of South Norwalk. He declined yesterday to say what course it was which Miss Ervin must take and he was careful not to say that the legal action referred would be against her. What he did say was that in the event of Miss Ervin's failure to take the particular step in question, "the person who wrote the anonymous letters would be prosecuted. School begins again on Monday next, notwithstanding the fact that Monday next is only two days off from New Year's Day. Now it is a matter of common notoriety that the step referred to by Mr. Vosburgh as necessary to avert "prosecution of the person who wrote the anonymous letters" is that Miss Ervin shall hand in her resigna-

If Louis S. Beers, who then was acting alone in a legal capacity for Miss Ervin, advised her to resign as teacher on condition that all proceedings be dropped, that spirited young woman very vigorously repudiated her lawyer's advice. She did dismiss Mr. Beers from connection with her case, but she did go straightway and employ another lawyer, Levi Warner, reputed to be one of the strongest attorneys of the Fairfield county bar. Mr. Warner, in a letter to Miss Ervin to-day. strongly urged her not to yield an inch. But, so far as that goes, the urging, to all appearances, was not necessary. Miss Ervin says that she is fighting for everything stighting for her good name, fighting to defeat a cowardly conspiracy to blacken her character and drive her from the community a disgraced woman.

I never dreamed of resigning," she said to-day. "They do not need to wait until

to-day. They do not need to wait until next Monday for my answer to that proposition. I gave it to them instantly that I heard what the proposition was. They said they would give me until Monday said they would give me until Monday last to give them an answer. They had their answer long before then. Now they say they will give me until Monday next. My answer then, now and all the time will be and is the same—I will not resign. I heard days ago that they were going to arrest me. I am here now awaiting the arrest. If they are going to prosecute, why do they not begin? What is the use of wasting time in waiting until Monday? The shortest and straightest road to clearing up this foul matter is for them to prosecute me. It is but justice to me that they bring their charges into open court where I can meet them as I am prepared to do.

"If they do not act within a reasonable time, then I myself will act. I am writing again to-day to the Postmaster-General. I wrote to him some time ago and he replied

I wrote to him some time ago and he replied that if I would get the anonymous letters and the envelopes that contained them a detective would be sent to investigate the case. I have not been able to get the letters and the envelopes. I have not been able to see one of them and neither have those representing me. The letters are all in the possession of Mr. Vosburgh, I understand. I am writing to-day to the Post-master-General, telling him the facts and asking him to take some action that will force the production of those letters to the end that the person who wrote them may

I have got to the highest court to which it can be taken. My money resources may not be enough to carry me all the way, but I hope that I will have enough to go to the

end."
Miss Ervin was in consultation with
Mr. Beers to-day here in Rowayton and
she also was in communication with her
other legal adviser, Mr. Warner She evidently was feeling the extreme tension she has been under for some time and again complained of the sneaking spies. again complained of the sneaking spies, presumably home-taient sleuths, who at all hours of the evening prowl about the house where she lives and the homes of friends where she visits. They lurk behind trees and even listen under windows and peer into rooms where she sits in the evening, she says, and in this she is confirmed by people of the highest respectability whose houses she visits and who themselves complain of the annovance of these sneaks about their houses. one man said to day that no later than last night these Hawkshaws were hovering about his house while Miss Ervin was there. about his house where she hoards and hung about the house where she hoards after she had gone home. The strain upon the young woman's nerves from this form of persecution has been very great, and it is perhaps due to the fact that she is of the latter-day athletic type of girl student and teacher, that she has not broken down worker it all. der it all.
The latest ettempt to get Miss Ervin out

of her place took the form of an effort to have her license revoked by the board on the ground of insulto-ordination. The specific instance of insulto-ordination alleged is that Instance of insular-relination alleged is that sign nitempted to have a Christinas tree in her selected recent when at a trachers meet-ing it was decided that there should be not Christinas tree in the school building. This was broaded to the attention of Stale beauter doine H. Light of Scouth Scowals, a insular of the board test when Mr Light was informed that Mrs Ervin and test have informed for any such action and that as a insular of fact Mr Mot believe that the a insulator of fact Mr Mot believe at that type imatter of fact Mr Morkelian at that time was not executed in Mr Light measured to think that you a assumething on a sequent measured to think that you a assumething core sequent ripor the case and possibly engigested the admiral falling of attent measurement than the measurements from the measurement of the Common of the Archive income.

Mr Tannarana the prosecuting attorney again to day that the existence against Mion forces are entirely observed as a force. terminated strumelance boxester between the parties aring Mass Freez strap action by Mrs letter a monocol the matrices construct It them been been better author who has retented at a new parter decising has inpermented follows of by the steen parter attenting some interesting or the enter of them not against testing a letter on the general at the parentes apost where who thereight may now better their true theory is noticely deep one entered or their in an entering or enterthing it reminerations with their curtainty of the testing of the registro explanation. Mer. Mot believe and expective explanations for the testing of the enterior and one. Mass Ervist carry the testing the better who was absorbingly along in the house. Mr. Landriggets, the constable, mays that Mrs. Met believe tail him that when also do the acceptable, may that Mrs. Met believe tail him that when also do the acceptable.

MISS ERVIN TO FIGHT IT OUT. pick up the letter there was nobody in sight to see her do it unless it were two little boys at a distance up the street. In other words, so far as is known in the vilother words, so far as is known in the vil-lage here, there is no witness to corroborate Mrs. McClellan in her story of the finding of the letter. This is regarded likewise as unfortunate for the reason that Mrs. McClellan and her husband have been the most active in directing attention to circumstances which apparently connected Miss Ervin with the writing of the letters. With Mrs. McClellan's unsupported word pitted against the unsupported word of Miss Ervin, this fact, it is thought, might still more acutely narrow the question of veracity.

The circumstantial evidence against Miss The circumstantial evidence against Miss Ervin consists of alleged similarity between her handwriting and that of the anonymous letters, the reports of the sleuths who have dogged the schoolma'am's footsteps, and the fact that the paper on which the anonymous letters were written is paper that was used in the school, although, to be sure, this school paper was accessible to numbers of persons, even, presumably, to the pupils themselves.

In the event that no legal action is taken in the meantime, Miss Ervin on Monday morning next will report for duty at the school at the usual hour. If she finds her place filled she will go to George Stevens, the district committeeman, and protest, declining to recognize the validity of the act removing her. She will refuse to give up her schoolroom keys and she will hold herself in readiness at all times to resume

self in readiness at all times to resume

Mr. Beers, while here in town to-day investigated a rumor that as long ago; as last August anonymous letters were re-ceived in town, and found it to be true. Several anonymous postal cards of a dis-reputable character were sent to people in the village and an anonymous letter filled with obscenity was sent to a married woman here. None of these had anything to do with the school and seemed to be merely isolated pornographic outbreaks entirely different from the late epidemic of the same

In the last outbreak fourteen letters in all were sent, addressed to eight different persons. Since the letter found under such singular circumstances by Mrs. McClellan only one anonymous letter has passed through the mails. This one contained the statement that it was the last of its kind-the kind signed "A Friend of Miss Ervin.

REPEAT BATTLE OF TRENTON. Sham Hessians Conquered on Historic

Ground of Washington's Great Victory. TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 26.-The 125th anniversary of the Battle of Trenton was celebrated to-day by a sham battle, depicting as accurately as might be the stirscepes when Washington surprised the Hessians the morning after Christmas

The first business in order was to portray the capture of Col. Rall and his band of Hessians by the Continental army under Gen. Washington. Gen. Cooper, commanding the Second Brigade of the National Guard, deployed nearly one thousand men along the river, while the Second Regiment, representing the Hessians, were gathered in the vicinity of Trenton Battle Monument under command of Col. Gillmore.

At a signal given from the top of the monument the advance of the Continentals began. A rattling volley from the old Springfields indicated the opening of the fight, this attack being made at two points. The Hessian outposts having retreated, Ine Hessian outposts having retreated, light artillery was brought up at a gallop and deployed in a commanding position near the battle monument. Then the engagement began in earnest and the booming of cannon mingled with the sharper reports of rifles as the make-believe Hessians were gradually driven back over the same streets as the real Hessians 125 verts ago.

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The visiting delegations included a detail of minute men from Washington, D. C., the members being attired in old fashioned Continental uniforms, accurately portraying these worn by their ancestors. Gov. Voorhees and many distinguished delivers requirement the president of the contract of the co visitors reviewed the parade. The Gov-ernor presided at the exercises in the after-noon when addresses were made by him and Mayor Frank O Briggs. The orator of the occasion was Prof. Woodrow Wilson of Princeton University and he spoke on "The Ideals of America."

CHRISTMAS AT CANONCHET

The Children of Narragansett Pier Enter tained by Mrs. Wheaton.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, R. I. Dec. 26 All of the children of Narragansett Pier were the guests yesterday at a mammoth Christmas tree given by Mrs. Garrit Smith be exposed and punished.

"I do not intend to stop in this matter until it is cleared up. If this is not done in the first court then I will go on and on until are 300 youngsters in Narragansett Pier. and every one who could go was at ex-Gov. Sprague's residence. The tree was the biggest that has ever been seen here Every boy received a pair of skates, a sled or a wagon; and every girl got a doll and to each one of the children a book given, with a big bag of candy and another of oranges.

There were 300 of the older residents of Narragansett Pier at the tree, and they received gifts drawn by numbers, which numbers corresponded to numbered gifts on the tree. No distinction was made in the invitations to the tree, and everybody in Narragausett Pier was represented Among the children was a real native, a Narraganett Indian, one of the few re-maining members of the tribe

Sister Katherin of the Sisterhood of th

Holy Child Jesus died in Troy, N. Y., yes terday. She was born on the high seas of and was a daughter of tant Caravelli of the British Navy Her mother was a Trevelyan of Cornwell. England. She married who quite young William Brown a Londo architect. They came to America and restded for a time in Milwaukee, Wisthe death of her businessed and of our first ob-dress five in nameher, she lived in Provinces-R I wish the Rev for tractoft and facili-millia shoult recently place age, where so entered the Sisterfaced of the Morie Chi-Jectic at Alican When the Morie M-ported before was made by descript W Fanishing one send by descript W Fanishing was send by descript W Fanishing was send to Fire and every since he on Music to Both the succession where the tid charge of as Music to Both Children et children of the tide of tide of the tide of the tide of the tide of the tide of tide of tide of the tide of tide

\$4,000,000 REAL ESTATE DEAL

PROPERTY ADJOINING SIEGEL COOPER STORE INVOLVED.

Electrical Exchange Building and the Old Marshall O. Roberts Property Also Included in Transaction—Heldridge & Ward and Henry Corn the Dealers.

The biggest trade in New York realty ffected in several years was put through esterday by the brokerage firm of Holdrides & Ward the junior member of which. Francis E. Ward, is the President-elect of the Real Estate Board of Brokers. The firm sold two new business buildings for the builder, Henry Corn, who took in part payment antiquated properties, one in Broadway and the other in Washington street, the four parcels together being valued in the exchange at \$4,000,000.

To Hoffman Bros. Mr. Corn sold the, eleven-story fireproof store and loft building in Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, 300 feet west of Fifth avenue and adjoining the Siegel-Cooper store. The site fronts 75 feet on the former street and 90 feet on the latter, and comprises six and two-fifths lots. The building is to be known as the Cluett Building, the store and first floor having been rented for a long term by Cluett, Peabody & Co. The rest of the floors have all been let to various concerns whose leases go into effect next Feb

The lofts contain the largest floor space of any in the city, a feature which has materially assisted in finding tenants for materially assisted in Inding tenants for them in advance of the completion of the building. The Hoffman Brothers give in trade the Electrical Exchange Building, covering the block front on the east side of Washington street, between Liberty and Cedar. This building is a seven-story and Cedar. This building is a seven-sory office structure, fronting 114 feet on Wash-ington street, 70 feet on Cedar, and 75 on Liberty. The Cluett Building was valued Liberty. The Cluett Building was valued at \$1,100,000, and the Exchange at \$700,000. To E. A. Hoffman Mr. Corn sold the eleven-story fireproof business building on the southeast corner of Fifth avenue and Eighteenth street. The site, which was formerly occupied by the Marshall O. Roberts mansion, contains about 10,000 square feet, and the property figured in yesterday's transaction at \$1,200,000. In exchange for it Mr. Corn took the Parmiy exchange for it Mr. Corn took the Parmly Building, an old six-story structure at 165 Broadway.

The Parmly Building occupies a plot 40 by 100 feet on Broadway, with an ell 50 by 100 on Cortlandt street. The Fifth avenue building, like the one in Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets is wholly rented from next February. Both the properties taken in exchange by Mr. Corn will probably be extensively altered or rebuilt.

SENATOR FRANCIS SELECTED.

For President of the New Jersey Senate -McCarter Leader on the Floor.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec 26.-Charles Asa Francis of Monmouth county was agreed upon as the next President of the Senate at a caucus of the Republican majority held here to-night. Senator Thomas M McCarter of Essex was made chairman of the caucus, a position carrying with it the leadership of the majority on the floor of the Senate.

of the Senate.

The other officers selected were: Secretary, Walter E. Edge, Atlantic; Assistant Secretary, Howard Tyler, Cumberland; Journal Clerk, Robert A. Waterbury, Union; Assistant Journal Clerk, William H. Fisher Ocean Sergeant-at-Arms, John T. Garwood Salem, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Arthur Bedell, Camden; Supervisor of Bills, Jesse R. Solomon, Essex: Assistant, James Shoe-maker, Cape May; Bill Clerk, Louis T. Reed, Somerset; Calendar Clerk, Robert Bustard, Passaic. A Steering Committee consisting of Senators Reed, Strong and Johnson was appointed to distribute the minor

TIPSTER AHEAD OF RAIDERS,

But Only Saved His Policy Patrons Once Three Raids and Four Prisoners.

Reardon and detectives of the Anti-Policy Society made three raids on alleged policy shops of the lower East Side last night, arresting four men. The places raided were at 306 East Houston street, 180 Rivington street and 26 Chrystie street. At the Chrystie street place no prisoners were taken and Capt. Walsh of the Eidridge street station later arrested William Elting of 120 First avenue, who, according to Reardon, was the tipster who got to the Chrystie street place ahead of the raiders.

Agron Hall to Go to the Electric Chair on Feb. 3.

ALBANY, Dec. 26. The Court of Appeals has fixed the week beginning Monday, Feb 3.as the period within which Aaron Hall shall be put to death in Sing Sing Prison. Hall was convicted of killing Mamie McCarty about three years ago while she was employed behind the counter in a New York city department store.



That Overcoat Sale

Still continues to-day. Man's Overcoats were \$22 to \$30 now \$18.

The liberal response shows what splendid values are offered.

More Bargains

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MARQUISS MARRIAGE ANNULLED. French Court Grants Request of His Mother Who Objected to the Match.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
PARIS, Dec. 26.—Society is greatly erested in a suit heard to-day, in which the Dowager Marquise de Bernis sought to have annulled the marriage of her son, Marquis de Bernis, a Lieutenant of currassiers, and Mme. Dansien de la Batic, who was a widow. The Marquis, according to the French custom, asked his mother to consent to the marriage. She did not at first oppose her son's wishes, but withheld her consent pending inquiries to as-certain Mme. de la Batic's social position, Ultimately she refused to give her consent. whereupon the couple went to Dover and

The Marquise obtained an annullment. The judgment of the court is severely worded, neither the French Civil Code nor family customs allowing for romantic matches. The Judge declared that as the banns were not published in France and parental consent was not obtained, the whole contract is illegal and void.

The judgment is received with favor by society people, especially as a new heritage is involved. Moreover, it is conceded that no self-respecting French woman would seek to enter a family where she knew she would not be welcome

THE CASTIGLIONE LETTERS. May Show That the Countess Was Sent France to Captivate Napoleon III.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ROME, Dec. 26 .- The Countess Castiglione, whose maid, Angelica Vergazzola, was arrested at Spezzia yesterday and in whose possession was found voluminous private correspondence between the Countess and Napoleon III., King Victor Emmanuel and Cavour, died in Paris in November, 1899. The Countess was the mistress of Napoleon III. It is believed Cavour sent her to France to captivate Napoleon.

The jewels, vases, &c., found by the police at Angelica Vergazolla's residence are worth about £40,000. The woman said she had taken these articles because at the time a large amount was due her on account of unpaid wages. In her statement the woman finally broke down and denounced the people who had prompted her to take this means of recouping herself for her money losses

In the heyday of her beauty Countess Castiglione intrigued in Italian affairs. In the last few years of her life she lived in retirement in a flat in the Place Vendome and refused to see any one. When she died she was worth millions.

SIR JOSEPH NOEL PATON DEAD. Queen Victoria Was a Great Admirer of His Paintings.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. EDINBURGH, Dec. 26 .- Sir Joseph Noel Paton, the painter, was found dead in bed here to-day

Joseph Noel Paton was born at Dun-Joseph Noel Paton was born at Dunfermline, Fifeshire, in 1821 and became a student of the Royal Academy in London at the age of 22. He soon became known through a series of illustrations in outline of Shakespeare's plays and Shelley's poems and by a large cartoon undertaken for the Westminster Hall competition in 1845. "Christ Bearing the Cross" and "Oberon and Titania" followed and added to his fame. The latter picture was bought by fame. The latter picture was bought by the Scottish National Gallery for £700 and was afterward exhibited at the Paris Salou, was afterward exhibited at the Paris Salon, where it won for the artist an Honorable Mention. Noel Paton was a prolific painter and his work had all the elements of popularity. His paintings were regarded by the public as highly spiritual, because they were labelled with such titles as "Lux in Tenebris," "In Die Malo," "Faith and Reason," "The Pursuit of Pleasure," "The Spirit of Religion," "Fact and Fancy," Moreover, the Queen liked them, bought them and conferred a knighthood on the painter. A large number were engraved. painter. A large number were engraved, especially of those dealing with Biblical themes, and the engravings are among the favorite ornaments of suburban drawing rooms in England. Sir Noel was Queen's Limner for Scotland, an LL. D and the

An Unprecedented Honor to the Memory of a Chinaman.

Special Cable Despatch to THE NON PEKIN, Dec. 26 - An edict was published -day providing for a temple in Pekin to Li Hung Chang. This is the first instance in the Celestial Empire of bestowing the honor of a temple at the capital on a Chinaman. Hitherto only Manchus have been thus honored. Mourning and reverential ceremonies in memory of the late viceroy continue to be held in great elaborateness.

Additional premises have been taken to accommodate the gifts which arrive daily Every day there are enormous conflagrations of paper imitation emblems exemplifying all Li Hung Chang's material possessions as a religious offering to secure his spiritual salvation.

Four additional important secretaries have been added to the staff of Wai Wu Pu. or Chinese Foreign Board, which will soon equal in numbers the membership of the Tsung-li-Yamen, which the former has superseded.

CHINA TO STOP PIRACE

River Conboats Manned by Europeans to He tsed by hwanting theero; Special Cable Desputch to Tun Str.

Hoso Koxo, Dec. 26. The vicercy of Canton has accepted the suggestion of the Hong Kong Daily Press and will provide a flotile of river guthosts manned by Europeans to suppress piracy in Kwantung scattery The British Vice-Admiral, Sir Cyprian littige, had an interview with the viceroy and electricity surged him to take this action The vicercy is enlisting foreigners and hav aircaely placed kno torpodo losets in tem-position to carry out the single stroke-

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Boer Leader Scores Another Success by Adopting British Plan of Night Rushes Two Squadrons of Light Horse Sent in Pursuit of the Boers.

Special Cable Despaich to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 26 .- Gen. De Wet has taken revenge for the recent successes of the British in rushing laagers at night, and has captured a British camp in the eastern part of the Orange River Colony by the use of tactics similar to those employed by the British. The scene of the reverse is within one of the areas of the Boers' main resistance, where Gen. De Wet has requently foiled the British commanders. The following brief despatch from Gen Kitchener tells all that is at present known

of the affair: "JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 26.-Rundle reports that Col. Firman's camp at Tweefontein was successfully rushed on the night of Dec. 24 by a considerable force of Boers under De Wet. I fear the casualties were heavy. Firman's column consisted of the Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth and Fifty-third companies of Imperial Yeomanry, one gun of the Seventyninth Battery and one pompom. They were guarding the head of the blockhouse line from Harrismith to Bethlehem. The

gone in pursuit of the Boers. POEM ON ISTHMIAN CANAL; Sir Edwin Arnold Writes Nature's Com ments on the Work.

First and Second Imperial Light Horse have

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Dec. 27 .- The Telegraph this morning prints a poem by Sir Edwin Arnold on the ratification of the Isthmian treaty. He depicts Balboa with "the Spanish steel red in his conquering hand" viewing the Pacific Ocean and thanking the Queen of Heaven for the glorious guerdon. Four hundred years pass, and Nature is represented in the same spot, saying:

The gift I gave lo Nunez de Balboa could not keep Spain from her sins Now must the ages To larger legend, though her own was brave Here on this ridge I do foresee fresh birth. That which is disparted I shall bring side by

side. The sea shall sever what the hills did divide. Shall link in love. And there was joy of While England and Columbia, quitting fear,

Kissed and let in the eager waters there

DANES PROTEST TO THE KING. Want Sale of West Indian Islands Submitted to Vote of Inhabitants.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. COPENHAGEN, Dec. 26.-A petition has een presented to the King, the Government and Parliament by a thousand influential Danes protesting against the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States without consulting the wishes of the inhabitants, to ascertain which a plebiscite is urged. The signers include politicians of different parties, merchants, bankers, literary men and physicians.

American Rents Ditton Park for Corona tion Time.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Dec. 26 .- The I all Mall Gazette says that Ditton Park, Windsor, which until recently was the home of the late Duchess of Buccleuch, has been let to an American who intends to entertain there the representative of the United States at the coronation next June

American Squadron Off for Porto Rico.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN. VANA. Dec. 26. A reception given on board the American warship Kearsage, the flagship of Admiral Higginson, this afternoon as a return for the courtesies extended to the American naval LIHUNG CHANG TEMPLE IN PEKIN officers during their visit here. Subsequently the squadron left for Porto Rico.

TO SUCCEED MAY IRWIN.

The Actress Said to Be Interested in Florence Reed's Future.

May Irwin is still declaring that this is her last season on the stage. She has taken a very friendly interest in Florence Reed, who plays Simplicity Jones in her company, and it is more than likely that Miss Rosd will succeed her in the line of work in which Miss Irwin has made herself well known.
Florence Reed is a daughter of the late

Roland Reed, the actor Miss Reed's father and Miss Irwin were great friends and Miss Irwin wants the comedan's daughter to succeed her if possible.

Fell to Beath From Bath Beach Train. A passenger of a Bath Beach train last night reported to the police of the Bath Beach station that a man who had been standing on the platform of the third car had failed off as the train rounded a curve near the Bay Sixteenth street crossing. The police and trainmen found near that place a man about 60 years old, plainly dressed, whose right arm had been severed by the train. Five of his rits were crushed and his skull fractured. He was taken to the Norwegian Hospital, where he without regaling consciousness

of the house sat at the loom. Here they sit at the piano with the APOLLO Plane Player, and our lives are daily tilled with music in consequence. To learn the worth of this wonderful instrument come and hear it play anything you sik it play it yourself, readily, easily and as delightfully at you press. Softung to great as its simplicity, nothing so grand at its music. The happiest house 4 where the APHAO fives The happen hew Year where an innoic in breatd.

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The APOLLO Company, Apolio Studding, Int. Pills Ave., N. V. detween 17th and 18th fin.

Waltham Watches.

"Put a girdle round about the world."

"The Perfected American Watch," an illustrated book of interesting information about watches, will be sent free upon request.

American Waltham Watch Company, Waltham, Mass.

TWO VERY SMALL TRAVELLERS. Seven-Year-Old Girl and Her Baby Brother Going Half Round the World.

Seven-year-old Agnes Edelhoff, acting as protector of her little brother, Earl 4 years old, arrived here yesterday in a sleeper of the New York Central Railroad, having been sent originally from their far-away home in Ashland, Ore., in charge of an agent of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Henry Dengel, a representative of the Southern Pacific here, received the little ones and escorted them to his home in Brooklyn where his wife took care of them. On the five-day trip from the West they were in charge of the various conductors and porters on the several lines that brought them here. Agnessaid that she was bound for Bremen, where she and Earl will live with their German aunt. The little girl said that her papa had disappeared and that her manyres had decided to send her and her mamma had decided to send her and her little brother to Germany. Agnes said she hoped the separation from her mother

would not be long.

The children will sail next week aboard the North German Lloyd steamship Darmstadt. They will be cabin passengers and will be taken care of by the stewardess.

THIEF CAUGHT IN Y. M. C. A

Confesses to Embezzling in Cincinnati to See the Sights Here. Albert Van Horn, 20 years old, was ar rested in the Bowery branch of the Y. M. C. A. last night by Central Office detectives as an embezzler from the Ohio Valley Shoe

Company of Cincinnati, Ohio Detective Sergeant Funston, who was in charge at Police Headquarters last night. received from Chief Deitsch of the Cincinnati police a telegram asking that Van Horn be arrested and saying that he would probably be found in some Y. M. C. A.

Van Horn admitted his identity, said

Van Horn admitted his identity, said he had been staying here for three weeks under the name of Frank Johnson and had stolen the money so as "to see the sights and have a good time."

How much he stole the local police said they didn't know.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—Albert Van Horne is wanted on a charge of embezzlement preferred several weeks ago by the Ohio Valley Shoe Company. He was sent with \$98 to pay a bill and pocketing the money left the city.

RUNAWAY BOYS CAPTURED. Bought Revolvers With Stolen Money and Started for the West.

Harrison Tiffany, the thirteen-year-old son of Charles M. Tiffany, and Bertie Fenwick, the twelve-year-old son of Lawyer F. B. Fenwick, who ran away from their homes in Brooklyn on Christmas after stealing between \$300 and \$400 from a desk in Mr. Tiffany's house, were arrested in New Milford, N. J., yesterday and brought home last night. It was their intention to go West. They had prepared for the journey by purchasing revolvers and cartridges. Tiffany had \$226 in cash.

New York City Incorporations

ALBANY, Dec. 26.-The Broadway Building Company of New York city, was incorporated to-day to deal in and improve real estate. The capital is \$600,000, and the directors are Robert C. McCormick, Hawkins A. Tucker, Horace B. Hord, George L. Brooks, and Joseph Kelly of New York. John Caldwell & Co of New York city was incorporated to deal in liquors, wines and beverages; capital, \$500,000; directors, John Caldwell, Louis E. Niles and Charles C Naret of New York.

The Cassella Color Company of New York city was incorporated to manufacture coal tar and other dyes; capital \$250,000; directors, William J. Matheson, Robert A. Shaw and Charles H. Otis of New York. The New York Clothing Trade Association of Manhattan borough was incorporated to foster the interests of the persons, firms and corporations engaged in the manu-facture at wholesale of clothing in New York city and vicinity, and to reform abuse and secure freedom from unjust and us and secure freedom from unjust and un-lawful exactions. The directors are Marcus M Marks, Benjamin M Holzman, William Naumburg, Frank R Chambers, Morris Goltand, Isaac N Heldeiberg, Philip Waicoff, Harry Lippmann, Charles Fishel, Samuel W Peck, Harry D Kohn and Ferdinand Kubo of New York

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Bristol Gas and Electric Company of New York city, to manufacture gas and electricity for illuminating and other pur-poses. Capital, \$300,000; directors. Ben-jamin L. Dulaney of Bristol, Tenn. Anson Mct. Beard, John D. Fearhake, Frank B. Pierce and Frank M. Wells of New York city.

Discovery Gold Mining Company of British Columbia of New York city Capital, \$800,000, directors, Robert Logic Alfred Fotman, Alexander M. Sutherland Edward W. Moister, Frank G. Nelson, W. F. Dodge and Francis M. Holden of New York city.

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DOSE OF BIRD SHOT KILLED HIM

Veteran Empties & Fowling Piece Into His Heart A Consumptive and in Despair Francis H. Hartl, 66 years old, con mitted suicide yesterday at his home

Second avenue, by firing a load of its shot into his heart. He fired the gan ty pressing a piece of lead pipe against the trigger Hartl was a vetran of the two War, having served under Gen Fran-eigel. He was a consumptive, and be heving, it is thought, that his mainty wa a hardware store, which he owned

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